

BARBIERI SB 990

Dear Connecticut Public Health Committee Member,

After many years of smoking, my girlfriend and half a dozen other friends and family members use a nicotine vaporizer instead of smoking.

I have heard that SB990 would force me to stand in a smoking area to use my nicotine vaporizer in Connecticut. I am sure that as one of your constituents, you do not want them to be exposed to second hand tobacco smoke now that they have quit smoking. I find the odor very offensive. I wanted to make sure that you understand that there is no tobacco and no combustion in a nicotine vaporizer/ electronic cigarette and therefore there is no smoke. It only makes steam.

As a non smoker, I feel that it violates my right to a smoke free environment if I am forced to stand in a smoking area. I am sure this would be an unintended consequence of the proposed bill. Tobacco cigarettes deliver many dangerous chemicals, but electronic cigarettes deliver nicotine without those dangerous chemicals or offensive odor. I often use my electronic cigarette indoors and due to the lack of odor and the fact that my e-cigarette looks nothing like a cigarette it is rarely even noticed.

I would please ask you to get more information about the device and to educate yourself before voting on this bill. I am a member of the National Vapers Club and they commissioned a study completed at Clarkson University that showed that e-cigarette vapor does not harm the people around me. You can find it here... www.IVAQS.com.

They also have more information here... <http://vapersclub.com/science.php>
We hope that you will take the time to educate yourself so that you can help protect the health of your constituents who use this device instead of smoking tobacco cigarettes.

Thank you for your time.

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